

FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION, HUD APPROPRIATIONS
REQUESTED PROJECTS
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TX-27

(alphabetical order by project name)

Project Name: Boys & Girls Club Expansion
Recipient: Robstown, City of
101 E. Main
Robstown, TX 78380

This request for \$580,000 in HUD funding would provide increased access for Robstown area boys and girls seeking to engage in educational, physical, and community service activities. Providing opportunities for Robstown's youth will enhance their character to nourish development and demonstrate civic responsibility.

Project Name: Bridge Replacements
Recipient: Robstown, City of
101 E. Main
Robstown, TX 78380

\$2.5 million is requested in federal funding for this project. Replacement of ten wooden bridges in Robstown, Texas is important to the safety of local residents, businesses, and international commerce. Enhancement of bridge infrastructure in Robstown will provide increased opportunities for rural development and transport of goods traveling through the city's trade routes. Investment in the City of Robstown's deficient bridges is necessary to sustain the future movement of international trade through Robstown. The flow of freight throughout the City of Robstown is significant for this community due to the development of the Robstown Trade Processing and Inland Center.

Project Name: Brownsville Historic Transportation Museum, Park and Hike & Bike Trail
Recipient: Brownsville, City of/Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport
100 E Elizabeth
Brownsville, TX 78520

\$4.0 million is requested in federal funding to build a new museum and park complex with hike/bike trail to replace the existing Airport Museum and dedicated to the extraordinary role transportation has played in the economic and cultural growth, development and sustainability of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The proposed site for the facility is on 20 acres of land owned by the City located on Boca Chica-SH 4 at the Brownsville Airport. The 27,900 sq. ft., 2 story

structure will have meeting rooms that will be utilized by a variety of parties for a number of purposes. The area is currently undeveloped and poses no environmental, easement or infrastructure challenges

Project Name: Bus Stop Shelters project
Recipient: Corpus Christi Regional Transit Authority
5658 Bear Lane
Corpus Christi, TX 78405

RTA proposes to purchase (75) seventy-five new shelters at a cost of \$742,500. The majority of the new shelters will replace existing shelters based on the stops with the highest ridership. Some of the shelters will be placed in new service areas and remaining shelters will be distributed throughout the service area. Shelter installation will adhere to Title VI guidelines.

Project Name: Cameron County Outer Loop
Recipient: Cameron County/Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority
Address: 1100 E. Monroe St.
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Cameron County and the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority are requesting \$5million dollars to initiate some environmental work and some alternatives analysis for this new corridor. The estimated construction cost is at \$200 million dollars and the \$5 million would be used to initiate the first phase which would be to complete environmental work, and do some preliminary design. This is a mid-term project but one that we have already started to work on because of the urgency. The project will enhance the viability of the 2nd Access project both on the mainland and on the island. This project is important to the taxpayers and the growth of northern South Padre Island. Providing a direct connection to the 2nd Access will contribute to the overall tax wealth of the island and the county. Today, South Padre Island is half a mile wide and 6 miles long and it has the potential to stretch up to 20 miles in length or more. This Outer Loop will contribute to the overall master plan and provide an economic boost to the county, the region and the state.

Project Name: Central Branch Library Expansion
Recipient: Brownsville, City of/City of Brownsville Public Information Service
2600 Central Blvd
Brownsville, TX 78520

\$1.5 million is requested for this project. On average, the Central Library sees 1,646 visitors on any given weekday and over 2,000 visitors on the weekends and holidays (including summer breaks). With 34.5% of families below the poverty line, Central Library has become a mixture of a library, after school program, and safe place for students. Central Library hosts numerous after school and weekend programs that include family movie night (with over 200 people attending each showing), a teen book club and game night, computers with internet for children, story time

and study rooms, all of which encourage family time, promote reading and school, and give students a place to go after school. Due to new State of Texas mandates, Central Library in Brownsville, Texas will begin losing state and federal funding in FY11 due to their not being able to meet the per capita books and seats per customer. The City of Brownsville is seeking federal funds to renovate and expand Central Library in order to keep at the current state and federal funding level as well as provide an overall better, more efficient experience for the customer.

Project Name: Community Resource Center
Recipient: Brownsville, City of
1150 East Adams
Brownsville, TX. 78522

The City of Brownsville is requesting \$1,102,256 in funding to restore and renovate a structurally sound historic landmark to be used as a Community Resource Center (CRC). It will contribute to the national purpose of saving a historic landmark. Furthermore, the CRC will provide a social service site location for professional services volunteerism and mainstream service accessibility within a comfort zone of those most desperately needing those services. It will subsequently reduce the long term burden on the taxpayer as social ills are addressed in a timely and less expensive manner.

Project Name: Corpus Christi Transit Terminal/Parking
Recipient: Corpus Christi, City of
1201 Leopard Street, 5th Floor
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

\$1,125,000 in funding is requested for this project. Revitalization of downtown Corpus Christi (CC) area is essential for the continued growth and prosperity of this district. The CC transit terminal, parking area, and pedestrian improvements are a critical component to developing the community into one with the sustainable characteristics highlighted in our national objectives. The City of Corpus Christi has initiated several “livability” initiatives in its downtown to create a pedestrian friendly atmosphere and economic incentives for private sector investment. Public Transit will provide important linkages to support both. The City has invested approximately \$60 million to realign Shoreline Blvd. which runs along the beach throughout the downtown area but is currently divided by a significant wide median area. The plans will move the southern portion of the roadway further north along side the existing northern road way segment to create a wide zone of contiguous land adjacent to the beach devoted to the pedestrian environment and economic redevelopment. The City plans to tear down its old Coliseum and replace it with green space retail shops and pedestrian amenities. On the East side of downtown, in and around the existing convention center and entertainment venues, the City and private developers have plans to create new mixed use development linked to public transit and pedestrian amenities. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides benefits to the entire community.

Project Name: Customer Service Center
Recipient: Corpus Christi Regional Transit Authority
5658 Bear Lane
Corpus Christi, TX 78405

\$2,485,714 in total funding is requested for this project which proposes improving the transit-oriented public space at the intersection of Staples and Leopard Streets with new passenger shelters, sidewalks, benches, trees, and the addition of a new customer service center.

The Customer Service Center infrastructure upgrades include improving the nighttime safety lighting and access for people with disabilities; increasing bus bays, bicycle, para-transit, shuttle and taxi signage; repaving and new striping for circulation lanes; widening of existing sidewalks; improving pavement, sidewalk and curbs; creating more ramps and bicycle parking; providing trash receptacles and public telephones; and installing more landscaping and benches. The project also proposes the construction of a 8,000 sq ft. Customer Service Center with 75 parking spaces. The center will house RTA's ADA eligibility center, customer information assistance services, and pass sales. The center will also provide meeting space for the Regional Committee on Accessible Transportation (RCAT) and the Transportation Coordination Network (TCN).

Project Name: Downtown Revitalization
Recipient: Brownsville, City of
1150 East Adams
Brownsville, TX. 78522

\$500,000 is requested through Housing and Urban Development funding for the disbursement of façade improvement incentives to business owners and tenants who have completed façade improvements of their business in the City of Brownsville's Downtown Revitalization Project area. The City of Brownsville has identified the Downtown Revitalization Project as one of the priorities of focus in the community. The City of Brownsville wishes to encourage revitalization of a 35 block downtown area within its historic overlay by encouraging new and re-investment for commercial, employment and residential development. The Project's aim is to create a multi-function downtown affecting housing, work, shopping, culture, entertainment, government and tourism. It will help to strengthen or create partnerships between local government, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, the private sector, civic organizations, the University of Texas at Brownsville / Texas Southmost College and other key institutions. The City of Brownsville Downtown Revitalization Project promotes both short term and long term creation and preservation of jobs and rapidly promotes new and expanded business opportunities during and after construction. In fact, redevelopment and new investments have already begun. It is anticipated the construction phase of the project will produce approximately 1,018 jobs in the entertainment, retail, arts, financial and residential areas.

Project Name: East Loop-Brownsville
Recipient: Cameron County/Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority
Address: 1100 E. Monroe St.
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Cameron County is requesting \$4 million for the planning, design, and possible right-of way acquisition of property for this first phase of the project prior to getting to construction. The project benefits the taxpayers and citizens of the 27th congressional district because it will provide for a new commercial corridor to the Port of Brownsville. The project will take all commercial traffic off of International Blvd. route. Today, all commercial traffic going to Mexico or to the Port of Brownsville traverses school, residential, and heavily populated zones of the city. By rerouting the traffic we decrease the use of commercial traffic on the current route and extend the lifespan of the city road. More importantly, we remove the flow of hazardous materials from this city street. Finally, this new corridor will provide better connectivity for traffic in and out of the Port of Brownsville. The project has the support of Cameron County, the Cameron county Regional Mobility Authority, the City of Brownsville and the Port of Brownsville. This project will help the south Brownsville area where it is estimated that 1/3 of the population of Brownsville or 66,000 residents reside.

Project Name: East Main Improvements
Recipient: Robstown, City of
101 E. Main
Robstown, TX 78380

This request for \$800,000 in federal funding to provide the enhanced mobility of citizens and businesses along East Main. The improvements will revitalize the physical appearance of the community to attract businesses and create job opportunities. The project would be consistent with Main Avenue, improved through bonds issued from the Robstown Improvement Development Corporation. The area is targeted for development to be improved to accent the Nueces County Fairgrounds, proposed Outlet Mall and Controlled Humidity Preservation Warehouse.

Project Name: Electromagnetic Reduction Facility Access Road Project
Recipient: Ingleside, City of Local Redevelopment Authority
P.O. Box 371
Ingleside, TX 78362

The purpose of this request is for funding to rehabilitate the access road leading up to the Electromagnetic Reduction Facility. This improvement will increase its viability for marine-related uses and will permit prospective tenants direct access to the canal for the shipment or receipt of cargo, or for launching of vessels. The access road was originally designed and constructed for light usage. The cost of reconstruction is estimated at \$237,969.

Project Name: Electromagnetic Reduction Facility Bulkhead Project
Recipient: Ingleside, City of Local Redevelopment Authority
P.O. Box 371
Ingleside, TX 78362

\$6,664,398 is requested for this project. The purpose of this request is for the construction of the Jewel Fulton bulkhead. The bulkhead, located adjacent to the Electromagnetic Reduction Facility, requires engineering and design and construction funding. Construction of the bulkhead will help attract industry to the Facility. The construction of the bulkhead is considered to be an economic tool for the LRA as it begins the task of redeveloping the Facility for purposes of creating jobs resulting from the loss of jobs due to the closure of Naval Station Ingleside. The LRA is seeking to acquire the EMR Facility from the Navy by way of an Economic Development Conveyance in order to help assure that new, quality jobs are created within the local economy.

Project Name: Ferryboat, Port Aransas, TX
Recipient: Port Aransas, City of
701 W. Avenue A
Port Aransas, TX 78373

\$6,800,000 in federal funding is requested for this project. The Port Aransas Ferryboat Project will complete construction of an additional ferryboat and add needed stacking lanes and park & ride facilities. The ferryboat service is a critical connection to the mainland and is the fastest route for evacuation to escape hurricanes. Relocating the operations center and constructing stacking lanes will remove traffic from the city's streets, which will shut down gridlock during busy weekends. The park & ride facilities will make use of existing capacity and reduce waits at peak use times by allowing workers to park their cars and come across the ferries as pedestrians. Federal funding will help relieve congestion and improve our primary means of hurricane evacuation for the island citizens. Over 200 jobs could be created by this infrastructure project. This project will serve the city's 4,000 residents and over 400,000 annual visitors to Port Aransas.

Project Name: Hanger Construction project
Recipient: Brownsville, City of/Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport
100 E Elizabeth
Brownsville, TX 78520

\$1.38 million for the hangar development project includes construction of one (1) 200' X 100' FBO aircraft maintenance hangar on the existing site south of the Terminal Building. The project, once completed, is expected to bring 656 new, high paying jobs to the City of Brownsville, with 1,000 jobs possible after 24 to 36 months. The construction of an additional hangar will accommodate the Airport's need for additional hangar capacity to meet aviation demand and provide additional revenue. Currently the area is experiencing massive unemployment rates, at least 1 point above the national average, as well as having a population that is approximately 34.5% (families) below the national poverty rate (9.6%). The City will work to partner with local and regional colleges to provide internship and on-the-job training.

Project Name: Highway 361, Port Aransas, TX

Recipient: Port Aransas, City of
701 W. Avenue A
Port Aransas, TX 78373

\$6,500,000 in federal funding is requested for this project. Texas State Highway 361, Port Aransas, TX is the primary route up Mustang Island to the City of Port Aransas. This project in partnership with the city and TXDOT is stalled as the state suffers budget shortfalls. The project is needed to widen a busy section of road with four lanes, medians, subsurface drainage, and a bike path. Federal funding will help relieve congestion and improve our primary means of hurricane evacuation for the island citizens. Federal funding will help relieve congestion and improve our primary means of hurricane evacuation for the island citizens. Over 300 jobs could be created by this infrastructure project. This project will serve the city's 4,000 residents and over 400,000 annual visitors to Port Aransas.

Project Name: I-69 Texas
Recipient: I-69 Alliance
Corpus Christi Representative, Rudy Garza
1201 Leopard St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

\$1,000,000 is requested for this project. For more than 15 years, the I-69 Corridor has been under development and has been consistently recognized by Congress as a national transportation priority. The project has reached the Tier II Environmental Impact Study stage, and funds are necessary for the completion of this stage which is required by federal law.

Project Name: Ingleside Industrial Highway Corridor
Recipient: Ingleside, City of Local Redevelopment Authority
P.O. Box 371
Ingleside, TX 78362

\$22,500,000 is requested for this project. The 2005 BRAC actions are estimated to result in the loss of 2,470 military and civilian jobs and 3,690 indirect job civilian jobs in the Coastal Bend region. Given the noted economic challenges resulting from the BRAC actions, the LRA has determined that the Industrial Corridor is the highest priority project for successful redevelopment. The construction of a new Corridor will connect the industrial areas to the major state highway, thus by-passing the existing road through downtown Ingleside. This is the project deemed critical to generating tax and operating revenues and stimulating new job growth for the entire region. The Corridor will also reduce traffic through a school zone on FM 1069 by the same amount of trips; provide all over-sized loads and hazardous cargo with a route around the existing railroad grade crossing and school zones are especially beneficial for the community. The Corridor will position the LRA to attract new industry as it strives to provide economic opportunity through job creation to the citizens of the Coastal Bend.

Project Name: Instrument Landing System
Recipient: Brownsville, City of/Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport
100 E Elizabeth
Brownsville, TX 78520

The City of Brownsville is seeking \$3.5 million in order to procure and install an additional instrument landing system and MALSR Approach Landing System at the Brownsville/South Padre International Airport in Brownsville, Texas.

Project Name: Interstate 69 Infrastructure Impacts project
Recipient: Robstown, City of
101 E. Main
Robstown, TX 78380

\$2.4 million in federal funding is requested to provide enhanced mobility of citizens to the proposed interstate route. The improvements will revitalize the physical appearance of the community to attract businesses and create job opportunities. In the event that Interstate 69 is connected to Highway 77, the City would need to make roadway improvements to improve access to Interstate 69. Investment from the federal government will improve critical arterial lanes as well as provide long-term connectivity to the interstate.

Project Name: La Esperanza Home Valley Project
Recipient: Southwest Key Program
6002 Jain Lane
Austin, Texas 78721

With a total project cost of \$2,000,000., this project will construct a residential and educational facility to supply at-risk youth with the opportunities, education and support needed to make positive life changes. The construction will incorporate a Workforce Training Center, social service professionals, and childhood development educators. This will bring 50 jobs to the Brownsville area.

Project Name: Library Wireless Data Link
Recipient: Brownsville, City of/City of Brownsville Public Information Service
2600 Central Blvd
Brownsville, TX 78520

\$100,000 is requested for this project. The Brownsville Public Library System, a division of the Public Information Service Department, has two branches in Brownsville, Texas—the Central Branch and the Southmost Branch. The Central Library in Brownsville, Texas is in the vicinity of a number of elementary and secondary schools. On average, the Central Library sees 1,646 visitors on any given weekday and over 2,000 visitors on the weekends and holidays; Southmost Branch sees an average of 782 visitors on any given weekday and an average of 1,010 visitors on any given weekend and holiday. With 34.5% of families below the poverty line, almost all of

them with school-aged children, Central Library has become a mixture of a library, after school program, and safe place for students. The Central Branch serves as a 'safe room' and emergency operations center during the time of major emergencies or severe weather events. The Southmost Branch serves as the Disaster recovery site for the all of the data that is housed at the Central Branch. The Southmost Library is connected to the Central Library via a fiber optic line. This Fiber Optic line provides Internet access and data connections to the Southmost Branch from the Central Library. The City of Brownsville would like to be able to provide a wireless link between the two libraries that will serve as a failover connection should the fiber optic line be cut or in the case of an equipment failure, such as during a hurricane or other severe weather threat.

Project Name: Multi-modal Terminal Project
Recipient: Brownsville, City of
700 Jose Colunga Jr. St.
Brownsville, TX 78521

\$9,750,000 in federal funding is requested in Federal Transit Administration, Section 5309 Buses and Bus Facilities funding for construction of the Brownsville Multimodal Terminal (BMT). The BMT is positioned to become a focal point in an international public transportation network. It will be a transportation hub where multiple modes of ground transportation converge and integrate with regional, national and international ground transportation operators. It will provide a single destination for local, intercity and international ground transportation services and an improved environment for travelers. It will offer existing and future transit operators the opportunity to provide coordinated services, and enable passengers to easily transfer between different routes and modes. This project promotes both short term and long term creation and preservation of jobs and rapidly promotes new and expanded business opportunities during and after construction. It is anticipated the construction phase of the project will produce approximately 1,129 full-time equivalent construction jobs. It is anticipated that at least 105 full time jobs will be created or sustained after construction. The construction of the multimodal terminal facility is expected to have a positive effect on adjacent residential and commercial development by serving as a catalyst that will induce additional development and redevelopment. In fact, redevelopment and new investments by the private sector have already begun.

Project Name: NAVAID Generator
Recipient: Brownsville, City of/Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport
100 E Elizabeth
Brownsville, TX 78520

The City of Brownsville Airport is requesting \$475,000 to procure two generators for the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport as a backup power source for the airport's instrument landing system and other NAVAIDS system in the event that the power is lost due to a severe weather or City-wide power outage. Power loss to the instrument landing system would cause all runways to shut down, halting flights into and out of the Brownsville Airport. Currently the Airport does not have a back up source of power should there be a loss of power.

Project Name: Optical Technology Infrastructure Extension to South Texas
Recipient: University of Texas at Brownsville
80 Fort Brown
Brownsville, TX 78520

\$3,964,548 in federal funding is requested for this project. The increasing education, research and health care capabilities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are severely limited by the lack of state of the art high bandwidth infrastructure necessary to share resources with the rest of the country. Grid computing distributes computing capabilities across multiple institutions and UTB is limited by lack of high bandwidth connections to interconnect the grid capabilities at UTB to other participating institutions grid computing. In addition to extending an existing high bandwidth optical backbone system from Harlingen to Brownsville and surrounding underserved communities the system will interconnect the Mexico education through Veterans' International Bridge and research communities into the United States.

The proposal will create an optical technology infrastructure from an existing high-bandwidth optical infrastructure that is jointly operated and provisioned by higher education, health care, and private sector telephone companies. The capacity is separated by wavelengths or colors of light on the optical fiber between public and private sectors to enable education and health care the unique capabilities required for research, education and health care. The system will acquire right of way, install optical fiber cable, add optical equipment at strategic points to connect to all the wavelengths for public and private access and then add Internet networking equipment for public sector users. The South Texas optical infrastructure project will create points of presences in secure environmental reliable sites for access to all potential users in South Texas.

Project Name: Park and Ride Expansion
Recipient: Corpus Christi Regional Transit Authority
5658 Bear Lane
Corpus Christi, TX 78405

RTA requests \$800,000 in total funding for this project. RTA currently has three Park-and-Rides -- Calallen, Bishop, and Gregory. This proposal incorporates the renovation of all three existing facilities and the addition of two new Park-and-Ride locations -- Southside and Flour Bluff. This project will improve RTA's connections with outlining communities within RTA's service area to our transportation network and be hubs for transit service across the Coastal Bend.

Project Name: Robstown Trade Processing and Inland Center Rail Spur
Recipient: Robstown, City of
101 E. Main
Robstown, TX 78380

With a total project cost of \$6,000,000., this project will provide unprecedented facilitation of international and domestic trade through state of the art intermodal infrastructure, job creation, and stimulus long-term growth in the South Texas Gulf Coast region. Federal funding obtained through this request will allow the City of Robstown to move forward with construction of the RTPIC once the feasibility study is completed. Next steps consist of construction of infrastructure recommended by the study, including, but not limited to, a rail spur.

Project Name: Robstown Trade Processing and Inland Center (Phase II) Street Improvements
Recipient: Robstown, City of
101 E. Main
Robstown, TX 78380

At a total project cost of \$12,891,619., this project will provide unprecedented facilitation of international and domestic trade through state of the art intermodal infrastructure, job creation, and stimulus long-term growth in the South Texas Gulf Coast region. Federal funding obtained through this request will allow the City of Robstown to move forward with construction of the RTPIC once the feasibility study is completed. Next steps consist of construction of infrastructure recommended by the study, including, but not limited to, street improvements.

Project Name: South Padre Island Convention Center project
Recipient: South Padre Island, City of
4501 Padre Blvd
South Padre Island, TX 78597

\$5.0 million in federal funding is requested for this project. In 2005, the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau (SPICVB) engaged C.H. Johnson Consulting Inc. to conduct an evaluation of the South Padre Island Convention Centre (Convention Centre) as well as the state of the overall convention product. The Johnson Study found that the Convention Center is outmoded and lacks certain amenities and components necessary to remain competitive in the convention marketplace. The study also indicated that groups have either outgrown SPICVB or the facility has not kept pace with desired amenities such as the ability to offer a full-service hotel in the package.

The expansion of the exhibit hall is necessary to attract a larger share of the market and 30,000 square feet is considered the minimum exhibit hall size in the industry today. More pressing, however, is the lack of a ballroom, which inhibits the building's ability to attract events. An addition of a 12,000-square foot ballroom adjacent to the exhibit hall designed to meet the needs of civic, entertainment and sports users would be a key component together with an additional 5,000 of meeting rooms to bring the building up to an acceptable industry standard.

The Town of South Padre Island is in dire need of economic development. The current Convention Center once brought attention to the town, but now is outdated and inadequate. The

Town of South Padre seeks federal assistance to construct a new Convention Center that will boost the local economy, and create more than 100 jobs in the community.

Project Name: Transit System Expansion Project
Recipient: South Padre Island, City of
4501 Padre Blvd
South Padre Island, TX 78597

\$500,000 in federal funding is requested for this project. The Padre Boulevard Modern Street Car Feasibility Study will analyze the engineering, economic, and social feasibility of introducing an electric modern streetcar to Padre Boulevard. Included in the proposed analysis will be identification of uses in the study area that would be complementary to modern streetcar usage; evaluation of a number of potential trolley route alternates to connect the uses identified in the first step; identification of the potential physical constraints and determination of the physical impacts on adjacent developments; estimation of the potential modern streetcar ridership, construction, and operating costs, including the need for public/private subsidy of the system; evaluation of the development potential of parcels adjacent to the trolley alignment; and presentation of concepts of what the trolley may look like and station alternatives. The Padre Boulevard modern streetcar has the potential to serve many important functions in the corridor and in the City of South Padre Island. Included in these functions is a catalyst for increasing business investment and economic activity throughout the corridor.

Project Name: Willacy County Roads projects
Recipient: Willacy County Commissioners Court
576 W. Hidalgo St.
Raymondville, TX 78050

\$10,807,000 in federal funding is requested for these projects which would provide quality transportation in heavily traveled county roads. A funding allocation for improvement to designated county roads would enable children to attend school during natural disaster events, increase public safety and allow mobility for our citizens to be a productive workforce.

Improvement to the Rio Beef Rd & Co. Rd. 10., would accommodate existing designated parking and ultimately facilitating future eco-tourism activities at the Tienente & East Lake Wildlife Refuge. These roads would provide access to other connecting county roads for expanding eco-tourism opportunities to generate revenues for the county and promoting preservation of wildlife.

Intent: Minimize environmental, health and safety risk to humans and wildlife. The paving of a county road would allow the plant and wildlife risks from becoming endangered by the caliche. This also would reduce human health risk. Enhance public safety, mobility for tourists for use of the Teniente & East Lake U.S. Fish & Wildlife Refuge currently not as accessible due to current unpaved & poor conditions.

